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FM AMEMBASSY BANJUL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5395
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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE FROM CHARGE THROUGH AMB. COHEN

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: AMGT GA
SUBJ: GORM

REF: (A) BANJUL A-02 (B) STATE 069374 (C) STATE 079063

1. AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW OF OUR PREVIOUS SUBMISSIONS ON THIS
SUBJECT, FOLLOWING DATA REPRESENTS OUR BEST ESTIMATES OF
PERSONNEL AND MONEY WHICH SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO BANJUL IN FY-80.
WE DO NOT YET HAVE FIRM IDEA ON FY-79 LEVELS, ESPECIALLY FOR AID.
MOREOVER, AID IN BANJUL IS UNDERGOING EXPANSION AND CHANGE FROM
IMMEDIATE DROUGHT RELIEF AND FOOD ASSISTANCE EMPHASIS TO LONGER
RANGE DEVELOPMENT ORIENTED BILATERAL PROGRAM (WITHIN OVERALL
SAHEL FRAMEWORK). CHANGES IN AID PROGRAM WILL ENTAIL ADDITIONAL
US CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL, AS WELL AS INCREASE OF OFFICE STAFF,
IF OUR EFFORT IS TO BE EFFECTIVE. BANJUL AID OFFICE PRESENTLY
FUNCTIONS UNDER TECHNICAL SUPERVISION RDO/DAKAR, WHICH CURRENTLY
PROVIDES BOTH ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAM SUPPORT. CHARGE'S AID
ESTIMATES ARE TENTATIVE, PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH AMB.
COHEN AND RDO/DAKAR.

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2. USING OUTLINE PROPOSED PARA 2 REF B, EMBASSY SUBMITS
FOLLOWING FIGURES:

TOTAL MISSION RESOURCES (OPTIMAL):

TOTAL	TOTAL DIRECT
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PERSONNEL: HIRE (INCREASE): CONTRACT (INCREASE):

	US	LOCAL	US	LOCAL
STATE	3	5(1)	0	3
AID	1(2)	0	2(7)	0
ICA	0	1	0	0
PC (STAFF)	1(1)	3	0	3

TOTAL (INCREASE)	5(3)	9(1)	2(7)	6
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PROGRAM:

	OPTIMAL	INCREASE
STATE (TOTAL S&E)	DOLS 178,000	DOLS 50,000
AID	3,700,000	700,000
ICA	60,000	8,000
PEACE CORPS	327,000	30,000
SPECIAL SELF HELP	75,000	10,000

TOTAL	DOLS 4,340,000	DOLS 798,000
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ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ONLY:

STATE	DOLS 98,000	DOLS 27,000
AID	175,000	115,000
ICA	7,000	2,000
PEACE CORPS	97,000	10,000

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TOTAL	DOLS 377,000	DOLS 154,000
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3. WE ASSUME FROM STATE 063477 THAT THEORETICAL PERSONNEL CUTS FOR TOTAL MISSION STRENGTH OF 5 US AND 9 DIRECT HIRE LOCALS ARE NOT REQUIRED IN THIS EXERCISE. IF EITHER ONE MAN AID OFFICE OR ONE WOMAN PEACE CORPS OFFICE WERE CUT, EFFECT WOULD BE TOTAL ELIMINATION OF AGENCY. LIKEWISE, WE FEEL THAT 3 AMERICANS IS IRREDUCEABLE MINIMUM FOR FUNCTIONING OF FULL SERVICE US EMBASSY.

4. WERE WE TO SUFFER BUDGET CUTS IN FY-80, OUR PLAN WOULD BE TO REDUCE SCOPE OF INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS WHILE ELIMINATING OR POSTPONING FUNDING OF PROJECTED AID PROJECTS. FOR STATE WE WOULD REDUCE TRAVEL, NOT HIRE ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED LOCAL POSITION (TELETYPE OPERATOR), AND REDUCE BUILDING MAINTENANCE. FOR AID, WE WOULD POSTPONE FUNDING FOR ASSISTANCE TO COOPERATIVES, AND OICI VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER. NUMBER OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS COULD BE REDUCED BY 6 TEACHERS (PRESENTLY WE HAVE 40 PCV'S ON BOARD). TWO-THIRDS OF OUR ICA PROPOSED BUDGET INVOLVES EXCHANGE PROGRAM, WHICH WOULD BE REDUCED BY 2 OR 3 IV'S (CURRENT TOTAL 8-10). REDUCTION IN SPECIAL SELF-HELP WOULD CUT DOWN TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS (TOTAL FOR FY-78 WILL APPROXIMATE 30).

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